

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2, 10 and 17 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, amend Claims 3 to 5, 11 to 14 and 18, and add new Claim 19 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Withdrawn) A printing apparatus for printing an image on the basis of image data from an image data source, comprising:

printing means for printing an image on a print medium on the basis of print data;

command determination means for interpreting a control command from the image data source and determining a content designated by the control command;

image processing means for processing image data from the image data source on the basis of a determination result by said command determination means; and

print control means for generating print data on the basis of the image data processed by said image processing means, outputting the print data to said printing means, and printing the print data.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) A [[The]] printing apparatus for printing an image on the basis of image data from a plurality of image sources, comprising:

a first reception unit configured to receive a control command from a first image data source of the plurality of image data sources, wherein the control command designates one or more second image sources that are permitted to supply image data to the printing apparatus out of the plurality of image data sources;

a second reception unit configured to interpret the control command received by said first reception unit and to receive image data from the one or more second image data sources designated by the control command;

a generation unit configured to generate print data based on the image data received by said second reception unit; and

a print unit configured to print an image on a printing medium based on the print data generated by said generation unit according to claim 2, wherein the control command contains designation information for designating the image data source capable of supplying the image data to the printing apparatus out of the plurality of image data sources.

4. (Currently amended) The printing printer apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising an inhibition unit configured to inhibit means for inhibiting reception of the image data from an image data source other than the second image data sources source designated by the control command designation information.

5. (Currently amended) A [[The]] printing apparatus for printing an image on the basis of image data from a plurality of image data sources, comprising:

a plurality of interfaces, each configured to connect with each of the plurality of image data sources;

a first reception unit configured to receive a control command from a first image data source of the plurality of image data sources, wherein the control command designates switching a first interface for connecting with the first image data source to a second interface for connecting with a second image data source;

a switching unit configured to interpret the control command received by said first reception unit and to switch from the first interface to the second interface;

a second reception unit configured to receive image data from the second image data sources via the second interface after said switching unit has switched to the second interface;

a generation unit configured to generate print data based on the image data received by said second reception unit; and

a print unit configured to print an image on a printing medium based on the print data generated by said generation unit ~~according to claim 2, wherein the control command contains a command for designating switching of interfaces for connecting the plurality of image data sources.~~

6. (Currently amended) The printing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the plurality of image data sources include at least a digital image sensing apparatus for outputting a sensed image signal by a digital signal, a memory card for storing image data, and a computer device.

7. (Withdrawn) A printing apparatus for printing an image on the basis of image data from a plurality of image data sources, comprising:

first and second interface means, arranged separately, for enabling mounting at least two storage units;

printing means for printing an image on a print medium on the basis of print data;

command determination means for interpreting a control command from a first image data source out of the plurality of image data sources and determining a content designated by the control command;

switching means for, when said command determination means determines an access request to one of the storage units via said first interface means, determining whether access to one of the storage units via said first interface means is possible, and if impossible, switching to access to another storage unit via said second interface means; and

control means for controlling access to said another storage unit switched by said switching means on the basis of an access request from the first image data source.

8. (Withdrawn) The printing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein at least one of the storage units includes a card memory.

9. (Withdrawn) A method of controlling a printing apparatus for printing an image on the basis of image data from an image data source, comprising:

a command determination step of interpreting a control command from the image data source and determining a content designated by the control command;

an image processing step of processing image data from the image data source on the basis of a determination result in said command determination step; and

a print control step of generating and printing print data on the basis of the image data processed in said image processing step.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A control method of controlling a [[The]] printing apparatus for printing an image on the basis of image data from a plurality of image data sources, the method comprising:

a first reception step of receiving a control command from a first image data source of the plurality of image data sources, ~~method according to claim 10~~; wherein the control designates one or more second image sources that are permitted to supply image data to the printing apparatus out of the plurality of image data sources;

a second reception step of interpreting the control command received in said first reception step and ~~contains designation information for designating an image data source capable of receiving [[the]] image data from the second image data sources designated by the control~~ command;

a generation step of generating print data based on the image data received in said second reception step; and

a print step of printing an image on a printing medium based on the print data generated in said generation step ~~out of the plurality of image data sources.~~

12. (Currently amended) The ~~printer apparatus~~ control method according to claim 11, further comprising the inhibition step of inhibiting reception of the image data from an image data source other than the second image data sources ~~source~~ designated by the control command designation information.

13. (Currently amended) ~~A The printing apparatus~~ control method of controlling a printing apparatus for printing an image on the basis of image data from a plurality of image data sources, the method comprising:

a first reception step of receiving a ~~according to claim 10, wherein the control command from a first image data source of the plurality of image data sources, wherein the control command designates~~ contains a command for designating switching a first interface of ~~interfaces for connecting with a second~~ the plurality of image data source;

a switching step of interpreting the control command received in said first reception step and switching from the first interface to the second interface;

a second reception step of receiving image data from the second image data sources via the second interface after the first interface is switched to the second interface in said switching step;

a generation step of generating print data based on the image data received in said second reception step; and

a print unit configured to print an image on a printing medium based on the print data generated in said generation step ~~sources~~.

14. (Currently amended) The printing apparatus control method according to claim 11 [[10]], wherein the plurality of image data sources include at least a digital image sensing apparatus for outputting a sensed image signal by a digital signal, a memory card for storing image data, and a computer device.

15. (Withdrawn) A method of controlling a printing apparatus for printing an image on the basis of image data from a plurality of image data sources, comprising:

a command determination step of interpreting a control command from a first image data source out of the plurality of image data sources and determining a content designated by the control command;

a switching step of, when an access request to a storage unit via a first interface unit is determined in said command determination step, determining whether access to the storage unit via the first interface unit is possible, and if impossible, switching to access to another storage unit via a second interface unit; and

a control step of controlling access to the another storage unit switched in said switching step on the basis of an access request from the first image data source.

16. (Withdrawn) The printing apparatus control method according to claim 15, wherein the storage unit includes a card memory.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) A program which executes the control method defined in claim 11 [[10]].

19. (New) A computer-executable control program stored on a computer-readable storage medium which executes the control method defined in claim 13.